

Prayers of the People

First Presbyterian Church, Grand Forks

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God our Creator, Author of the Universe: Your people come to you with glad thanksgiving;

For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome, for the seed-time and harvest, and the changing seasons which ever bear witness to your faithfulness;

For human life; for talking and moving and working and thinking together; for hopes and hardships, victories and failures shared;

For work to do and the strength to do it; for the comradeship of workers; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

For marriage and the companionship of man and woman; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared, for secrets kept in love, and for memories made ever precious by separation;

For families; for living together and eating together; for the messages that bind families together across distances, and for the joyful reunions that reaffirm family love;

For children and young people, for their brave play and startling frankness, their search for freedom and dangerous adventure, their sudden sympathies and solemn vows;

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience, for rest in leisure;

For your help, O God, in times of doubt and fear and sorrow; for healing our diseases or helping us to live with them triumphantly; for preserving us in danger and temptation;

For the church into which we have been called; for the Good News we receive, for our life together in the Lord;

And now, O God, we pray for one another and for our needy world; for those displaced from their homes by devastations of nature or human violence, for those whose needs we know and those of others that we do not know; that all who are in sorrow, need, sickness or any kind of danger may receive your blessing and comfort according to your boundless mercy made known to us in Jesus Christ, In whose name we pray. AMEN.